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CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY AT THE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is true that the Government is receiving continuous threat of terrorist attacks at airports and plane hijack;

(b)if so, whether the Government is considering to form separate security system in view of these threats;

(c)if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the time by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Information regarding likelihood of attempts at hijacking from civil Indian airports and terrorist attacks are received from time to time both from Government agencies as well as unverified sources. However, every information received is assessed, categorized and necessary action taken.

(b), (c) & (d): No, Sir. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) by way of formulating procedures and measures on aviation security in compliance with the National Aviation Security Programme approved by the Government, has taken adequate and effective steps to regulate aviation security.The following plans have been formulated t o provide adequate security at airports t o meet the threat perceptions:-

(i) Contingency Plan to deal with unlawful interference with the civil aviation operations has been circulated to all airports in the country for keeping up their preparedness against any unlawful interference at all time;

(ii) Counter Terrorist Plan has also been prepared to effectively deal with any contingencies;

(iii) BCAS also prepares National Aviation Security Quality Control Plan every year for aviation security Audit, Inspections, tests etc to ensure compliance of aviation security standards and procedures by all agencies.